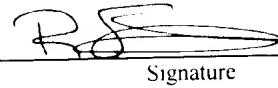


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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.111**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Honorable Commissioner:

In response to the Office Action dated June 20, 2002, please amend the above-referenced application as follows and consider the remarks set forth herein.

This Amendment and Response is accompanied by a petition for a three-month extension of time and authorization to charge the requisite fee to Applicants' credit card. Hence, the period of response is hereby extended to December 20, 2002.

**In the Specification**

On page 1, please amend the title to read as follows:

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